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The Mass Media May Not Report It But There Is...

World Wide War Resistance

Continuing Censorship-Free Coverage of the Gulf War

As the ground war begins in the gulf we present the second in a series of global resistance reports, courtesy of CKLN Radio and the World Peace Council.

AUSTRIA—An estimated 2,500 military overflights by the USA and unspecified allies heading for the war zone have taken place so far. A resistance camp has been set up near Innsbruck where some 100 peace activists are preparing blockades of the railway lines expected to be used for the US tank transports from Germany.

DJIBOUTI—Following antiwar protests on January 19, all further demonstrations have been banned as "prejudicial to the security and peace of the Republic".

ITALY—At the end of the first week of February, the Italian government ordered the deportation of more than 700 immigrants. Police in Rome raided a building in which more than 2,000 immigrants had sought shelter. About 1,600 of them, mostly Pakistanis and North Africans, were taken for questioning. More than 700 did not have residence permits and were served with deportation orders.

On February 8, Italian police and carabineri violently attacked and dispersed a meeting of about 100 people outside the local state network studios in Milan. The meeting was held by some local-based social centres in protest against censorship concerning disinformation on the Gulf war and the peace movement. Military and civil police conducted a manhunt in the area for several hours following the demonstration. Photographers and TV operators were detained and press

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Marchers Commemorate Resistance to 1981 Bath House Raids

Enough is Enough

Downtown Toronto echoed chants of "Fuck You 52" as three hundred people marched to the notorious 52 Division police station, in a commemoration of the resistance to the infamous bath house raids of the early 1980's.

February 6th marked the 10th anniversary of a 3,000-strong response to the brutal bath raids of February 5, 1981. Under the banner "Enough is Enough—Stop Police Violence", lesbians, gays and others affected by police violence marched through the streets ten years ago. On February 5, 1981, two hundred policemen raided every major gay men's bath in Toronto, arresting 273 men in the largest mass arrests since the imposition of the War Measures Act in 1970. Police smashed in doors with sledgehammers and

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material was confiscated. Some people were injured.

The Italian government granted a request from the USA to use the Malpensa airport as a base for tanker planes. On February 9, the first demonstrations took place at the Malpensa airport, from where B-52 US bombers will be refuelled on their war to carry out raids in Iraq.

Also on February 9, meetings were held in Milan by the University Committee Against the War and by self-organized workers. The latter was a national meeting promoting a general strike against the war for February 22.

JAPAN—On February 11, over 10,000 people demonstrated outside the Komaki airbase, opposing the government plan to send aircraft to the Middle East. At this base, five C-130 H cargo aircraft are stationed, which are being assigned to the gulf region, including additional military personnel.

USA—The highest estimated number of antiwar demonstrations held since the January 16 attack on Iraq, is 3,243 events, held in the United States prior to February 1.

LUXEMBOURG—Officials said that on February 11 the USA were authorized to use the Luxembourg airport for the transit of materials, troops and casualties. The government will cover all costs related to use of the airport, except refuelling, and will also pay to lodge US personnel in Luxembourg.

INTERNATIONAL AID TO IRAQ—5,000 Algerians, and nurses and doctors from Algeria, Tunisia, Mauritania, Sudan and Yemen are trying to enter Iraq via Iran bringing blood and plasma with them. Other international initiatives have been planned around the cleanup of the 4 million gallon oil spill off the Kuwaiti-Saudi coast (an act which compares with Hiroshima in the environmental destruction stakes)

ENGLAND—Media Workers Against the War was founded at a meeting of more than 800 journalists in London.

EGYPT—More than 100 members of the Egyptian Journalists Union staged a 7 hour sit-in at their Cairo headquarters in the last week of January to protest Egypts' support for the gulf war.

PAKISTAN—Although the ruling coalition remains neutral, dozens of apparently spontaneous pro-Iraq demonstrations have occurred every day since the outbreak of the war. Rallies have been held under diverse political sponsorship all over the country, including areas along the Afghan frontier, where such events are rare. A large section of the Afghan community, notably the guerilla groups headed by Gulbuddin Hektmatyar, have declared themselves pro-Iraq. On February 10, a general strike called by Pakistani political parties in protest against the Gulf war paralyzed most of Karachi. Additional demonstrations took place in various Pakistani cities, protesting the US bombardment of civilian targets in Iraq.

SOUTH KOREA—Reports indicate that 100 students opposed to South Korea's plan to send troops and transport planes to the Gulf attacked a police station in Seoul with gasoline bombs of February 8, setting it on fire and injuring one policeman. 6 students were arrested.

SPAIN—January anti-war demonstration figures as follows: Madrid—60,000; Barcelona—40,000; Zaragoza—20,000 Valencia—15,000; Malaga—10,000; Seville—5,000; Gijon—10,000; Santiagode Eucastello—12,000; Valladolid—10,000. A march to the Torrejon air base on February 3 was attended by over 100,000 people. Most of the demonstrations were coordinated by Committees Against the War, which have mushroomed in all major cities. In Madrid, this committee is made up of more than 50 organizations. Most active in the antiwar movement have been

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Resistance to Bath House Raids Commemorated

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crowbars, causing over $35,000 in property damage. One officer raiding a bath was heard to say: "Too bad these showers weren't hooked up to gas." The assault had been coordinated with the support of the chief of police.

Today, police continue to harass, attack and murder people of colour, wimmen, native peoples and lesbians and gay men in Canada. The police raid of a queer party in Montreal during the summer, and subsequent attacks on demonstrators protesting the brutality of the raid, illustrated the facts that concerted attacks on minorities by police are far from over, and that the logical extension of police homophobia and heterosexism is state-sanctioned violence against the queer community.

Our streets are still as dangerous as they were ten years ago. They must be reclaimed.

...War, No Thanks!

the students. General students' strikes took place at university and secondary school levels. Student antiwar demonstrations in Barcelona and Madrid attracted more than 30,000 people each. On March 3 a National Day of Action is to be held, including a major demonstration in Madrid. Students have called for a general strike.

TURKEY—The Turkish government has confiscated the latest issue of the news magazine "Towards 2000" following an expose of defense plans allowing for up to 300,000 dead and military factories around Ankara sewing 30,000 shrouds for soldiers. The paper suggests that the Turkish Fifth Army, proposed by the US during the Iran-Iraq war, could now emerge under the command of pro-US General Dogan. Possible scenarios include the US sending a Scud missile into Turkish territory which would then be blamed on Iraq, handing Turkish President Ozal a pretext to annex the oil zones of Kirkuk-Mosul.

On February 1, 400 people started an anti-war march near the Istanbul University, gathering supporters onto the main street. Riot police broke up the demonstration. Witnesses reported 10 arrests.

INDIA—On February 6 in New Delhi, various events were held to protest the refuelling of US military aircraft in India. Several prominent leaders of the four leftist parties (CPI-M, CPI, RSP and Foward Bloc) as well as Janata Dal and Congress S, courted arrest near the US embassy after defying a ban on demonstrations there. They were participating in a march to the embassy, in protest of the US attack of Iraq. Earlier, a large number of demonstrators, "including students, intellectuals and workers" marched towards the US Embassy, but were stopped by police.

JORDAN—On February 7, pro-Iraq demosntration continued in Amman. Riot police fired teargas to disperse hundreds of protesters. A massive, heavily armed police unit broke up a similar protest in Rahmtha, near the Syrian border, a day earlier.

PHILIPPINES—Anti-American demonstrators marched in the city of Marawi on February 7. Muslims chanting "Death to Bush", burned Bush in effigy. According to witnesses, the protesters numbered over 5,000. Teh largest US military installations overseas are in the Philippines.

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Free Trade or Economic Subservience?

Mulroney's recent announcement that Canada will participate in "free trade" negotiations between the USA and Mexico indicates a likelihood that he has decided to force Canada to participate in the agreement. Free trade with Mexico would cost Canada many thousands of jobs, in addition to the thousands already lost due to "free trade" with the USA, and further erode Canadian sovereignty as the USA demands further cutbacks in social services.

With Japan now integrating the countries of Southeast Asia and a unifying Europe resisting U.S. demands that it destroy its small farmers (leading to the recent GATT breakdown, see Ecomedia #92) the USA is determined to maintain supremacy against these two blocs by forcing the other American countries into economic subservience. While keeping Latin America in line by imposing military dictatorships or elitist politicians on the populaces, it proposes to bind Canada and Mexico even more closely by pressuring them into signing "free trade" deals which guarantee the USA perpetual access to Canadian raw materials and Mexican cheap labour.

By increasingly militarizing its border with Mexico, the USA is creating a situation not unlike the bantustans of apartheid South Africa: workers (mostly male) are allowed restricted entrance into the U.S. to fill the hardest jobs, with almost no legal or civil rights. When they are too old or sick to continue, they return to the free care of their mothers, wives and daughters.

This program is being resisted in Canada, where the "Pro-Canada Network" promotes public debate of "free trade" and is developing links with popular organizations in Mexico, and in the USA where a growing "industrial retention movement" centered in the Midwest "rust belt" seeks to establish a fair trade rather than a free trade policy with Mexico and require U.S. employers to raise wages in Mexico. to-womyn contacts and dialogue between wimmen of all three countries. These can be contacted through: Mujer A. Mujer, APDO 24-553, Col. Roma, 06701 Mexico, D.F.

CSIS Claims 'Security Risk'

Iraqi Couple Face Deportation

An Iraqi couple, the womyn pregnant, faces deportation from Canda and death at the hands of Saddam Hussein because they sought refugee status here. Upon arriving in Toronto a month ago, the couple attempted to attain refugee status, but was immediately taken into custody for investigation. After a third application to extend their detention was denied, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) managed to get a certificate issued which declared the couple to be a "national security risk." This is the first time such a certificate has ever been issued.

The certificate was supposedly issued because of a "shopping list" which included bullets and a list of some weapons. The list has since been identified as a message written down four years ago by Kurdistan rebels, who used the couple as messengers. The most crucial element of their case is that CSIS has since admitted that the couple are members of the Dawa Party, which opposes the current Iraqi government. In Iraq, membership is punishable by death. Claiming that the couple came here to attack Iraq, CSIS is planning to deport them, most likely to Iraq where they face certain death.

The certificate is now being disputed by local lawyers Clayton Ruby and Greg James, but the arguments being made by CSIS and company are being heard "in camera." Therefore, the defense doesn't know what it must defend.

Appeals that the couple be granted refugee status and immediate release may be mailed to Barbara McDougal, Minister of Immigration, Rm. 231, West Block, House of Commons. Ottawa K1A OA6 (no postage necessary) or call in Toronto 653-9303.

ANTI-WAR AGENDA

Feb. 27,Wednesday: Rally at Revenue Canada to oppose the war budget 12 noon at 36 Adelaide E.

Feb. 28,Thursday: 8 p.m. Greenpeace sponsors premier showing of film Berkeley in the Sixties, Bloor Cinema.

March 3, Monday:Teach-in, Bickford Park School.

March 8, Friday:The Women's Committee of ANVA is holding a non-violent, direct action at Litton Industries. Information 461-2274.

March 9, Saturday: War opposition among themes of International Women's Day March, I0:30 a.m. Convocation Hall.

The Queen's Park Peace Camp invites supporters to join for as long as possible.

Every Thursday, a vigil is being held at the Moss Park Armoury at 5 p.m.

The Gulf Peace Team is looking for volunteers to possibly go to Jordan. Call Maggie or Francis at 531-4969.

GULF CRISIS HOTLINE: 535-8673

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IRAN—On February 3, the Tehran Times reported that Iranians will boycott the annual Hajj pilgrimage to Mecca. The Hajj, one of the pillars of Islam, is an important event in the life of every Moslem. The boycott is to protest against Saudi involvement in the war. It is expected that other countries will join the boycott of the Hajj, taking place this summer.

KURDISTAN—According to the Federation of Workers Organizations of Kurdistan in Germany, the oppression of Kurdish people in Turkey is currently increasing. Antiwar demonstrations are being dispersed by shooting, Kurdish villages are being bombed and innumerous deportation orders are being enforced.

LIBYA—Mommar Khadafi has invited Arab political parties, both in power and in opposition, as well as popular and mass organizations, to a conference to discuss "the Arab response to the attempts at destroying the wealth and military capability of the Arab nations by Western countries."

MOROCCO—More than a million people demonstrated in Rabat on February 3 against the Gulf war and in support of Iraq. The demonstration was organized by 5 Moroccan opposition parties and Muslim groups. The BBC described the demonstration as the largest since Morocco became independent in 1956. British, French, US and Isralei flags were burned during the rally.

Ecomedia would like to thank our external sources, CKLN Radio 88.1 FM in Toronto and the World Peace Council. For updates, listen to CKLN's nightly Word of Mouth program weeknights at 7pm and Saturday Morning Live 10 am to1 pm on 88.1 FM.